U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Public Notice of Public Meeting, Public Hearing and Draft Permit

May 19, 2017

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, plans to renew the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Outer Continental Shelf (No. GMG290000) for discharges from existing and new dischargers and New Sources in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category as authorized by section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1342. A Federal Register notice on May 11, 2017, announced availability of the draft permit and supporting documents for public review on the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R06-OW-2017-0217. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

The Presiding Officer designated by the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 6, will conduct a public hearing on the draft NPDES permit, with a public information meeting and question and answer session prior to the public hearing, at the locations below:

Place: Houston Marriott South Hobby at Hobby Airport

9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017

Time: Public Meeting from 6:00 pm; Public Hearing from 7:30 pm

Date: June 20, 2017

Place: Holiday Inn Metairie New Orleans Airport – Magnolia Ballroom

2261 N. Causeway Blvd, Metairie, LA 70001

Time: Public Meeting from 6:00 pm; Public Hearing from 7:30 pm

Date: June 21, 2017

Registration for the hearing will be thirty (30) minutes before the start of the hearing. Any person requiring special arrangements should notify EPA through the contact person listed below within ten (10) days of this notice. The public hearings will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed permit. Any person who cannot attend one of the public hearings may still submit written comments through the end of the public comment period.

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